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SUBJECT: FEDAYEEN-FALANGIST CLASHES NEAR BEIRUT

REF: BEIRUT 8947

1. JULY 20 "TRUCE" WORKED OUT BETWEEN FEDAYEEN AND FALANGIST MILITIA IN TEL ZAATAR/DEKWANEH AREA SEEMS TO BE HOLDING, AS THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF FURTHER SHOOTING EXCEPT FOR FEW ISOLATED BURSTS YESTERDAY EVENING. "TRUCE" AGREEMENT, ARRIVED AT WITH ASSISTANCE OF TOP-LEVEL GOL OFFICIALS, PROVIDES FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF 9 CHECKPOINTS IN DEKWANEH AREA EACH MANNED JOINTLY BY 2 UNARMED FALANGISTS AND FEDAYEEN, PLUS 2 ARMED LEBANESE POLICEMEN. WOULD APPEAR THAT GOL HAS SUCCEEDED IN LOCALIZING THE PROBLEM, BUT NOT BEFORE-- ACCORDING TO ARMY SOURCES-- 1 LEBANESE CIVILIAN WAS KILLED AND 16 (MOSTLY FALANGISTS) WERE WOUNDED, 3 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THEM SERIOUSLY. ARMY PUTS KNOWN FEDAYEEN CASUALTIES

AT 6 KILLED AND 22 WOUNDED, BUT NOTES THAT LATTER
FIGURE, AT LEAST, PROBABLY ERRS ON LOW SIDE.

2. COMMENT: THIS LATEST INCIDENT HAS PROMPTED IN-
CREASED GRUMBLING FROM LEBANESE PUBLIC (MAINLY CHRISTIANS,
BUT ALSO MANY MOSLEMS) OVER DETERIORATING STATE OF
PUBLIC SECURITY IN LEBANON. NEVERTHELESS, WE CONTINUE BELIEVE THAT
BOTH GOL AND PLO LEADERSHIP ARE STILL ANXIOUS TO GO TO
GREAT LENGTHS IN ORDER AVOID REPETITION OF MAY 1973
CONFRONTATION (OR WORSE), EVEN THOUGH FURTHER INCIDENTS
BETWEEN UNDISCIPLINED, TRIGGER-HAPPY COMMANDO ELEMENTS
AND JITTERY LEBANESE CIVILIANS MAY OCCUR WITH GREATER
FREQUENCY IN MONTHS AHEAD.

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